

## National Weather Service Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



August 1999 Time Local/ Path Length Path Number of Estimated Persons Damage Width OHIO, North OHZ002>003-005>014-Fulton - Lucas - Henry - Wood - Ottawa - Sandusky - Erie - Lorain - Cuyahoga - Lake - Geauga - Ashtabula - Hancock -017>023-027>033-Seneca - Huron - Medina - Summit - Portage - Trumbull - Wyandot - Crawford - Richland - Ashland - Wayne - Stark -036>038-047 Mahoning - Marion - Morrow - Holmes - Knox 0000EST Drought 2359EST Drought conditions persisted across northern Ohio as rainfall totals for the month were below normal at most locations. Only 1.40 inches of rain fell in Toledo during August with only 1.80 inches measured in Cleveland. Both of these totals are roughly half the monthly normal. Mansfield finished the month 1.98 inches below normal making it the 6th driest August on record. Water use restrictions were instituted in many areas. The drought also greatly impacted agricultural interests. Crop yields in northern Ohio will be reduced by an average of 30 percent this growing season. Actual financial losses will not be known until after the fall harvest. **Geauga County** 1610EST Newbury 04 5K Thunderstorm Wind Two trees downed. Lake County Painesville 05 0635EST 5K Hail (0.88) **Lake County** Mentor On The Lake to 05 Waterspout **Fairport Harbor** Several waterspouts were reported over the coastal waters of Lake Erie. The first waterspout was reported approximately one mile offshore from Mentor on the Lake. Later in the morning several additional waterspouts were reported 5 to 10 miles northeast of Fairport Harbor. Ashtabula County 05 0655EST 5K Geneva **Thunderstorm Wind** Several trees downed. Geauga County Chardon 05 2K Thunderstorm Wind A tree and a large limb were downed just south of Chardon. **Wood County** 1830EST 0 5K **New Rochester** 13 0 Thunderstorm Wind One tree and a large limb were downed. **Wood County** Walbridge 13 1835EST 100K Lightning A barn was struck by lightning with the resulting fire doing extensive structural damage **Wood County** Perrysburg 25 1618EST 1630EST **Funnel Cloud** A funnel cloud was observed along Interstate 75 near Perrysburg. Trained spotters tracked the funnel for several minutes as it drifted slowly northeast. Although persistent rotation was observed, the funnel did not come in contact with the ground at any time. The funnel may have been a cold air funnel. **OHZ012** Lake 0 100K Thunderstorms producing in excess of two inches of rain per hour moved across the county. Widespread street flooding occurred in

Lorain County

Eaton Estates 26 1430EST 0 0 Funnel Cloud

from hillsides damaged a career center and also flooded a nearby gold course.

A funnel cloud was observed just to the east of Eaton Estates near Columbia Airport. The funnel may have been a cold air funnel.

Concord. Several streets were closed and approximately two dozen homes suffered damage from flooded basements. Water runoff



Erie County Erie

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21 1120EST 0 0 Waterspout

Up to eight waterspouts were reported on Lake Erie one to three miles northwest of the Walnut Creek Access on the northwest side of the city of Erie. No damage was reported.